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SUBJ: U.S. REQUEST FOR PANEL ON NFDM

REF: GENEVA 5365

- 1. WE ASKED EC COMMISSION GENEVA OFFICE (LUYTEN) WHETHER THERE WAS ANY INDICATION OF POSITION EC WILL TAKE DURING SEPT 17 GATT COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO U.S. REQUEST FOR PANEL ON NFDM (REFTEL). LUYTEN SAID COMMISSION OFFICIALS AND MEMBER STATES ARE ONLY BEGINNING RETURN TO WORK; HE DOES NOT EXPECT POSITION TO BE FORMULATED UNTIL LATE NEXT WEEK, I.E., JUST BEFORE COUNCIL.
- 2. WE HOPE EC WILL BE PREPARED TAKE A COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD PANEL FORMATION, AS WE BELIEVE U.S. HAS THE RIGHT TO INSIST ON PANEL FORMATION WITH OUR OWN TERMS OF REFERENCE. IT WOULD HOWEVER SEEM USEFUL TO AVOID OPEN COUNCIL CLASH ON THIS POINT.

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3. IF WASHINGTON AND USEC BRUSSELS ANTICIPATE THAT NFDM

PROGRAM WILL BE ALLOWED EXPIRE AS SCHEDULED, THEN WE ASSUME THAT U.S. PANEL REQUEST WILL HAVE SERVED ITS PURPOSE WITHOUT ACTUAL COUNCIL DECISION ON FORMATION OF PANEL. CONVERSELY, IF WASHINGTON AND USEC BRUSSELS BELIEVE THERE IS REASONABLE DOUBT THAT PROGRAM WILL EXPIRE PROMPTLY, THEN WE WILL WISH TO PRESS AHEAD FOR A COUNCIL DECISION, PRESUMABLY AT SEPT 17 SESSION.

4. WE URGE THAT THIS MATTER BE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH THE COMMUNITY IN BRUSSELS NOW IN ORDER THAT (A) WE CAN KNOW WHETHER TO PUSH AHEAD WITH PANEL AND (B) IN THE EVENT THAT WE SHOULD PUSH AHEAD, THE U.S. AND THE COMMUNITY CAN AGREE ON THE SCENARIO IN ADVANCE OF THE SEPT 17 GATT COUNCIL. CATTO

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